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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re Application of)
Pearce, Richard A.) Group Art Unit: 3745
Serial No. 10/617,000) Examiner: Verdier, C.
Filed: July 9, 2003)
For: QUICK CONNECT BLADE SYSTEM)

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.312

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
POB 1450
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Sir:

In response to the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND FEE(S) DUE mailed
July 21, 2004, please amend the subject application as follows: